GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF ON GOING TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the performance/progress of on-going tourism projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years in terms of physical and financial targets set and achieved, State-wise;

(c) the details of fresh proposals sent by the State Governments;

(d) the time by which the proposals are likely to be given approval; and

(e) the details of action plan formulated for promotion of tourism during the current year and next five years highlighting the projects likely to be taken up?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism , Government of India has reviewed the progress of ongoing tourism projects with the officers of the State Governments/UT Administrations. A Statement showingdetails of projects sanctioned Statewise during last three years i.e.1999-2000 to 2001-02 is annexed. State Governments are required to complete projects sanctioned within stipulated period of 30 months.

(c) and (d): The Department of Tourism , Government of India finalises tourism projects every year in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. The proposals are yet to be received from the State Governments for the year 2002-03.

(e): The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated the following short term and long term plans to encourage tourism in the country:

1) Positioning and maintaining tourism development as a National priority activity.
2) Enhancing and maintaining the competitiveness of India as a tourism destination.
3) Improving India`s existing tourism products and expanding these to meet new market requirements
4) Creation of world class infrastructure
5) Developing sustained and effective market plans and programmes
6) Special thrust to rural and small segment tourism and
7) Attention to civilizational issues and issues pertaining to civic administration and good governance and also of social and cultural values.

Every year the Department of Tourism identifies projects for implementation in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations